

## BURIED CITIES OF ARIZONA.

NINETEEN PUEBLOS THAT ARE OLDER THAN THE AZTECS.

Remains of a Civilization Said to Antedate the Pyramids—A Vast Population Destroyed by Earthquakes—Now Being Excavated by the U. S. Army.

LOS MUERTOS, Arizona, Dec. 19.—The Homeward expedition, under the direction of Frank Cushing, has been at work for several months and has excavated the ruins of a city three miles long and two miles wide. The excavations are not continuous, but have been made at various points along the main street and at the limits of the town, the extent of which is clearly shown by the ruins. Mr. Cushing required from the Zuni Indians, among whom he has lived for some years, the knowledge of customs and traditions which enabled him to find the buried cities of the Salt River valley. The first one excavated is called Los Muertos, the City of the Dead. Others that have been partially explored are El Pueblo de los Hornos, the City of Ovens; El Pueblo de los Puentes, and El Pueblo de las Piedras. But these are only a part of the chain of cities that once covered the desert. There are nineteen buried cities in the Salt River valley alone, and Los Muertos, which had a population of at least 10,000, was one of the largest. The entire valley was once a system of cities with adjacent farms, and up in the mountains are sacrificial caves and pueblos of stone, many of which never have been explored and are entirely unknown to the wandering tourist and sightseer.

The people who lived in these cities were not Aztecs, as has been supposed. They were of the race that preceded the Aztecs, and had upon this continent a civilization older than the pyramids. This is proved by the human remains and relics found in the houses that have been dug out. Ethnological research prosecuted by Mr. Cushing by the comparative method demonstrated that the ruins of the plain were Toltecs, and that they reached a high state of civilization many centuries before the Aztecs appeared. They were probably of Asiatic origin, but not Mongoloid. The culture of the Toltec ruins is reckoned in thousands of years.

The Toltecs were agricultural people, and had the plain of Tempe under a high state of cultivation. They were apparently the same as now, and a vast system of irrigation was required to make the land productive. The ruins of the Toltecs can be traced to-day, and the maps made by the surveyor of the Homeward party show at least 300 miles of canals, which were probably built to level, but in fact it slopes very gradually to the south. The canals were built of better materials than the farmers of to-day. They were satisfied with a very slight flow, and consequently the canals have remained in every part of the plain of Tempe. The higher ground, which is now a desert, was reached by a series of levees, and the canals were built of better materials than the farmers of to-day. They were satisfied with a very slight flow, and consequently the canals have remained in every part of the plain of Tempe.

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## WHO OWNS BATTLE ROW?

Perhaps the Sound of Battle Row is the Sound of the Future.

"Why cannot Battle Row be subdued?" was the question asked yesterday by Capt. Gunner, who, in the beautiful new Sixth-seventh street station house, presides over the district containing that delectable quarter. "Battle Row is subdued," answered the Captain. "It is subdued, periodically. The trouble is that the houses in the row are not fit for decent tenants, and decent tenants do not go into them. So it does not matter if we do get rid of one tough gang; it is bound to be replaced by another."

Battle Row, or, rather, this Battle Row, for several other neighborhoods have placed upon the same sordid title—is on the south side of Sixty-third street, between First and Second avenues. It was originally half the block, but a convent and two cigar factories have curtailed it until it is now less than twenty houses. The cigar factories would have been torn out long ago, but the owners, who are now the city of New York, have decided to live in the tenements, but they could not. The denizens of the row are tough. The men and women work, when they work at all, in the most coarse and ill paid of unskilled jobs. The houses are crowded, and the tenants are poor. The houses are crowded, and the tenants are poor. The houses are crowded, and the tenants are poor.

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## CHRISTMAS CHARITIES.

The Beauty of the Rich Shared with the Beauty of the Poor.

Many of the charitable institutions of the city received large gifts of money as well as articles of ornament and use for their inmates yesterday, and many dinners were given to the poor. Mrs. William Astor, following the example of her late husband, returned at an early hour yesterday morning to the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Capt. Astor said they encountered heavy weather every day they were out except on Saturday, when they came across the strait, and the Enterprise moved among the waves, not even touching them, for they averaged more than 100 feet apart.

The first run from the Sound was southeast, sixty miles beyond the point where the raft was last seen by the Miraflores after she abandoned it. The storm, which made a series of traverses south and eastward, then turned northeast, and finally a long run of sixty miles brought the Enterprise to the point where the raft was last seen by the Miraflores after she abandoned it. The storm, which made a series of traverses south and eastward, then turned northeast, and finally a long run of sixty miles brought the Enterprise to the point where the raft was last seen by the Miraflores after she abandoned it.

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## CRUISING AMONG THE LOGS.

The Big Mari Scattered Far and Wide and on Its Way to Europe.

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